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darkness of the middle ages the year
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in heralding the dawn of a glorious
epoch, for not only was America dis-
covered in that year by Columbus
but that same year beheld Boabdil
the last of the Moorish sultans, came
forth from the Alhambra and yield
up the famous city of Granada, a
favorite seat and stronghold of
Moorish power, to Ferdinand and
Isabella. The expulsion of the Moors
from Spain and the discovery of this
continent gave birth to an amazing
awakening, for soon the stories of
the voyages of Columbus and the dis-
coveries of Cortez, Coronado, Drake,
the Cabots, Froberisher, Hawkins, and
Raleigh kindled the theretofore ap-
parently dormant imagination of
men. These discoveries doubled the
earth, and ships of conquest, adven-
ture, glory, and science began to cut
through the billows of every sea.
The expanse and magnificence of this
new physical world thus opened to
mankind had, as such things always
have, its beneficent influence upon
human character and the trend of
the world's events, for mental and
moral evolution and growth flow
from a contemplation of the external
charms of nature, and they always
excite a lively and intense interest in
human existence.

Seventy-two years after the dis-
covery of America began the Shakes-
pearean age, a period during which
liberty, progress, and civilization
made forward strides; and when
Shakespeare's works were published
it was ascertained that his writings,
in addition to delighting and glori-
fying the intellectual world, also
evoked remarkably strong patriotic
and liberty-loving sentiments. For
instance, in the play of Julius Caesar,
he made one of his characters to say:
"So every bondman in his own
hand bears the power to cancel his
captivity."

Years later the noble rhetoric and
inescapable logic of John Milton and
the bitter satires of Jonathan Swift,
in his newspaper called the Exami-
ner, published in 1710, forced the
abolition of the censorship over the
press, which was another forward
step in securing a larger liberty for
the people. The past 150 years, how-
ever, has been an age during which
liberty has advanced to a greater
degree than in any other equal num-
ber of years in the world's history.

In 1775 the population of the
American colonies numbered ap-
proximately 3,000,000 and was prin-
cipally composed of the descendants
of those persons who had emigrated
hither to enjoy freedom of con-
science, thought and worship. They
lived along that strip of land which
fringes the Atlantic coast, stretching
from Florida to Maine. In their
veins was the blood of the Saarsfields
and the Calverts, of John Hampden,
who arraigned his king for the un-
constitutional exactions of ship
money; the blood of the Irish, whose
ardent zeal for and affectionate at-
tachment to liberty and freedom, and
whose loyalty and devotion to free
government no power can ever crush;
the blood of the stubborn Britisher;
the Huguenots, the sturdy Scotch,
Welsh, Dutch, Scandinavians, the
German, and last, but by no means
least, the Jew, who has contributed
to the progress, glory, and strength
of every civilization.

These various families of men,
transplanted to this new soil, and
welded together by events and years,
became the bravest race that ever
lived. Their spirit evolved the decla-
ration of independence, written by
Thomas Jefferson, that contempla-
tive lover of mankind; and on the
committee with him were Roger
Sherman, John Adams, R. R. Living-
ston, and Dr. Benjamin Franklin,
whose capacious brain could contain
both lightning rods and constitu-
tions.

These brave people cried out, "A
curse upon the rule of kingly govern-

ment and a blessing upon the new-
born republic!" and with their bayo-
nets wrote another charter of Ameri-
can liberty on the backs of the flee-
ing soldiers of General John Bur-
goyne and Lord Cornwallis. England
then caught somewhat the spirit of
liberty and "made good the declara-
tion of her great Lord Mansfield that
'no slave could breathe her free air,'
and thus in all her world-encircling
possessions, from the Pillars of Her-
cules to the Indus, the fetters
dropped from the limbs of every
English bondman whose ear could
catch the music of her drumbeats,"
so the present contest of the people
in behalf of a larger measure of free-
dom is not a spasm. It is not a pul-
sation nor a leap nor a jerk nor a
sudden start. It is simply part and
parcel of the resistless advance of
progress which can not be stopped
or stayed. The movement is seem-
ingly more pronounced at this par-
ticular time, because the facilities
for communication afforded by the
telephone, the telegraph, and the
newspapers are easier than they have
ever been before, the facilities for ac-
quiring knowledge are greater, and
for the further reason that men who
sternly stand for national progress
in times of peace are now recognized
to be patriots as truly as those who
upon the battle field fight for na-
tional safety.

In criticising or discussing a "re-
actionary," a "stationary," or a
"standpatter" it is unjust and un-
fair to apply opprobrious epithets to
him. He is simply unfortunate, for
he has either misread or failed to
read the history of the world. Al-
most everything that has ever been
proposed for the benefit of the people
or for their increased liberty has
been stubbornly opposed by reaction-
aries. Every world-important inven-
tion, whether it be a ponderous en-
gine or an ingenious electrical con-
trivance, was ridiculed and opposed.
Every discovery in science has been
ridiculed by the reactionary. "Galileo
was denounced and imprisoned for
asserting, in accordance with the
theory of Copernicus, that the sun
was the center of the planetary sys-
tem and that the earth had a diurnal
motion of rotation. In both science
and government many people prefer
to remain static and undisturbed and
naturally resent any interference
with their settled beliefs. They look
with suspicion upon innovations, new
suggestions, and ideas as, in their
opinion will interfere in any manner
with their present interests." (See
S. Doc. No. 438, 56th Cong., 1st sess.)

Hence their tendency to remain in
the old ruts, violently oppose im-
provements or changes, and de-
nounce inventors as cranks and pro-
gressives as demagogues. The stub-
born opposition of the standpatter
and reactionary in invention and
government passes all understanding
and the singularly sad feature of it
is that many of these inventions and re-
forms in government and economics
have been opposed by truly great
men.

Chancellor Livingston, one of the
learned men of the state of New
York, ridiculed the idea of a railroad
in the United States, and stated it
was his belief that if a moving body
as heavy as a train of cars should
ever get started the momentum
would be so great that it would fly
several miles beyond its destination
before it could be stopped, and that
no sensible person would risk his life
by flying through the air at the rate
of 12 or 15 miles per hour. When
Murdock invented the means by
which illuminating gas could be pro-
duced, the great Sir Humphrey Davy
and Sir Walter Scott ridiculed the
idea of its being put into practical
use.

Daniel Webster, the expounder of
the constitution, expressed the grav-
est doubts as to the advisability of
railroads, and said in public speech
that the frost on the rails would pre-

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